

Wasson's July 1st 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Council Bluffs Iowa

Dear Sir.

I will not go any further just now, I am afraid of interference, I have confidence in your judgment and if you encourage and respecting I am sure I shall think favorably of our early migration to that point.

Would for Mrs E's satisfaction answer the following inquiries

- 1st How many inhabitants in D?
 - 2nd What is the Character of the people?
 - 3rd How many Presbyterians?
 - 4th When will the Church building be completed?
 - 5th How much salary and how got?
 - 6th How much a house is obtained this fall?
 - 7th How are the sales of living compared with last year.
- Any other information will be gladly

recind, I think very favorably of
the undertaking, I can refer to
Cyrus Reed, Hughes a any member of
Wesleyan Society for information respecting
me.

I am in the Gospel
John Elliott

My P.O. is Gap
Lanc. Co Pa.

49 West 11th St

New York July 5. 1868

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

Mr Mc Cormick
has just handed me the
enclosed. He was not
able to secure a free press
as the press is so great
that they are compelled
to decline. I urged him
to try again and he
promised he would

Yours truly
W. M. Weston

Rev Alex M. Darley
July 5 to Aug 8th
1869

Missionary Notes
No. 3rd.

Monday - July 5 '69 - Red Oak
P Called on Mrs. Good-
Bapt. She told me of the Elwoods -
at 1/2 mile distant. I found it about
2 1/2 B. Called on Cyrus Elwood
not a member - nor his family.
with him I called on Mr. Cyrus
Elwood & family. The Mr. is dying
of consumption. He & his wife
were received by the opinion of the
Church of Illinois, Mrs. Not fully
though. He professes a cheerful
hope of eternal life. His son Ash-
ford Elwood was an A.P. Son with
his wife is an M.E. Took dinner
I had prayer with Mr. after
speaking of his spiritual Condi-
tion. Had a discussion with Mr.
Hoppin who is deluded with "Man-
ism", produced by a study of
Phrenology. Also with Mrs. Packard
on "Godism", finding her unsound. And
with Mrs. Hewitt on baptism.

Prayer & Strives

Called on others of our people. Gave
a list of members to Eld. Rodgers.
The list is as follows:

Rodgers and wife - Cedar Rapids Church.
Montgomery Wife.

Willard Wife - He is only ^{recommen}dation
having been a Lutheran.

Elwood Wife. Not fully members.

Gunningham Wife. Have been in M. E. Church
are A. S. P.

Wm Harding Wife. were C. Pres.

J. R. Elliott. H. S. of Savannah Ch.
Young Christian.

Mr. L. Blair - was M. P.

J. Wallace - whom I didn't find.

Mr. Walker - who lives on East Washington
M. P. formerly A. S. P.

Mrs. R. D. Mallock, - husband nothing

" H. L. Stratton - Epis. " -

" M. A. Johnson - " -

3
M. P.
Mrs. Alexander - Husband raised Pres.
" Haller - A.S.P. - now M. E. disquieted
Mrs. Case - " Husband - same before

Those who might become members -

Miss Harris - M. E. tried fit.

Mrs. Tracy - Epis.

Mrs. Hoppin - "

" Leach formerly A.S.P. only here for
3 months.

Mr. Purcell & sister Mrs. Burrows are
raised C. Pres.

There are several valuable Congrega-
tionalists.

Mr. Stoddard & family and Mrs.
Evans & family are expected this
week & shortly. They are A.S.P.
There is an A.S.P. family - Martin's -
near Sciola.

Dear Mrs. Ewing & family are Pres.
of which I am not sure.

July 6th - 69 - Tuesday.

Rode 32 miles from Red Oak Junction to Glenwood - County Mills County. Addressed White Cloud School, home near Silver Creek. Mr. Sam'l Brothers & family live at White Cloud, though likely soon to move to the R.R. town just about here. He is a U.P. & an A.P.
Mr. Woods & family & Abeline, one of the four, are an A.P. on Silver Creek, White Cloud, or the new town, and Silver Creek are ^{Evangelists} A.P. Pres. preaching points if they were occupied. Silver Creek neighborhood is mostly Campbellite, I am informed. Took dinner at Brothers'. Stayed all night at Elder Mr. Eakin's in Glenwood.

Wednesday - July 7 '69

Rested. Read. Called on
the ⁴ different S. S. Supts. Made
arrangements for 3 services on Sabbath
at the Court house. Attended Cong-
regation meeting. They spoiled the
good effect of a fine prayer meet-
ing by words of evil speaking after-
ward. Sent letters to Judge Sears
& Rev. Mr. Cleland.

Thursday - July 8 '69.

Visited the elder Mrs.
Solomon, and Mrs. Daniel Solo-
mon. The latter refused admis-
sion to her house. Her hus-
band is a most depraved & contemptible
character & compels his wife
to exclude herself from all outside
not introduced by himself.
Company with Elder Dr. Eakin
Called on Mrs. Ballard & Mrs.
Loken, also on Soldier's Orphan's.

Home. Had pleasant entertain-
ment in viewing the comfortable
premises & good children. Think-
ing was delightful. Prayed
4 times. Attended M. E. Prayer Meeting

Friday - July 9 '69.

Went 14 miles. Visiting
our country members & called
on Mrs. Choate-McBride and
on Mrs. Flood and congregation
alist. On Mrs. Lawson (now Cong-
formely A.S.P.) On Mr. Slaughter
who was absent. Learned that
Mr & Mrs. Coles near neighbors of
Lawsons, now M. E. were A.S.P.
Mr. Howell Mrs. Lawson's Cousin
adheres strongly to the Church,
he and a family of Carothers who
are A.S.P. in preference live in Lugah
Townsship. Mr. McCluskey, and E. Star-
buck-Lawyer adhere. P

Calicut, Ind. July 10, 1869. - Sunday
10 of June.

Saturday July 10 '69.

Received the following members

After supper rode 5 miles and
then to the - Ad. P. ...
... lives on Silver
Creek.

Sunday July 11 '69.

After getting up ...

... in the Court ...
with a ... of ...
... laughter.

Monday July 12 '69.

Rode to the ...
...
...

Tuesday - July 13 '69.

Left 25 miles home.

Spent the day with Ed. in
Judge Lewis for some time. Sunday
July 25. Then did some of the
2 months work.

The result of the 4 Counties
in Presbyterianism so far as I have
determined is Fremont County -
65. Page County - 150. Montgomery
County - 30. Mills County - 15 -
Total - 260. As I could not go in
mules and reached in the following
places - ^{in Fremont County} Sidney, with preaching station
at Brown's City, 10 miles & 10 miles
at Cambridge and Maule, two members
a family is on Mill Creek. -
Page County - 10 families at Page City
preaching station. County - Pleasant
Ridge, Mauleville, with 1000 at
"Mills".
Montgomery County - Red Oak Church.

1 hour of - at Seola, 1 on East
Taxis.

With - - - - -
Creek (at) - - - - -
P.R. - - - - -
and a - - - - -
very many - - - - - and neglect.
Only two male members - - - - -
rest - - - - - yoked
to - - - - - husbands.
I - - - - -
among - - - - - stay at. Besides
Edw. - - - - - the only - - - - -
from a - - - - -
and an - - - - - man!

I went home and - - - - -
more days - - - - -
twice at Rev. - - - - - in his absence
in Ohio, which spoiled the rest. I
officialled at the funeral of - - - - -
Clay - - - - - of - - - - -
McClintock. On

Thursday - July 22nd '69.

P. Road 15 miles to Sidney.

Got wet with water on the station.
Stopping through dinner at Poplar.
Callington & Chapman. Stopped
at home. Had a little of
20 p.m. But Rev. Mr. Wilson
was in supply Sunday for 1 year &
at 10 p.m. He was there in the
Sent list of members to Rev. Mr. ^{Hand} King
Friday - July 23rd '69.

Ceiling all day. Reading
attended Syn. District. 1st to last.
Saturday - July 24th '69. ^{at home}
Bethel. Read 10.

Sabbath - July 25th '69

Had a very heavy morning
dew. Attended the Sabbath
in church in E. Church, the
S. is M. E. with A. S. Pres. meeting.
Attendance of 100 or more.

Monday - July 26 '69.

Took dinner with family
and supper with Rev. Col. & family.

Tuesday July 27 '69.

Rode 13 miles - to Hamp-
burgh. Took dinner at Bain's.
Had family worship. He gave me
£2.00. Sidney Church gave me
nothing. Mr. Bain is not in
connection because of financial
difficulties. - After

Leaving Hampburgh I
found that Mr. Beahm
family did not stay. Mr.
Ferguson had left. He
has returned. That Mrs. Ricks
is an A.M. and Mr. Ricks
Taylor is a M.P. I would
have a party of 10.
I preached twice on Sabbath
and held a service in the

Empire Billiard Hall, on
Saturday night. They are
making efforts to raise
enough to give each preacher
a living from the service
by contributions &c.

I went to Phelps on my way
to Brownville. No A.P.
there. A Rev. Mr. Shewell
A.P. preaches there occasi-
onally. Ride 20 miles.

Then on the following
day went to Salem. Put
up with Rev. Mr. Lillie -
formerly for 10 years Super-
intendent of the Leominster
A.P. preaches occasionally at
Salem. At Cornell's from
3 to 4 miles distant. A.P.
Ride 27 or 30 miles.

Next day visited Salem
F.A.P. at North Town
much divided. Facts in the

People. The Church is
they make an attempt to get a
foundation for it. This was
by the Rev. E. S. L. P. How true
will Baptists be. They
They have a Hall. Church
office is an Elder and an
Organization - death & Remuneration
to be it. The Church is
McPullough & Pittsburgh
Road 3rd & 4th streets
A Congregational or
organization has arisen from
the ruins of a Pres. membership
ship for the "buddy".

At Falls City they have
about nine of a membership
an organization. Hopes of
of about 100 members. P.C.
Cook is one Elder. Address
Helen L. A. Fulton - and
enterprising & kind hearted

They expect a large flock
from Canada in October
about this fall or next spring.
Both of the mills are good.
These scots are very
wild many. Rode 3 1/2
for barrels.

Preached once in afternoon
of Sat. May 8th in Falls City
In M. E. Church, which is
only a small edifice, Ebenezer
Lester's home part of his
of Church has been finished
Falls City is a country place
400 people. 4 miles from
Kansas Univ.

Mr. Fulton told you of the
members in Richardson's
They number at present about
17, including helden
superintendent preacher.
Rode home over 30 miles.
Bro. Peck had visited the

field twice before I had
preached with as a stone.
He needs a preacher there
very much, with Headquarters
at County seat - This would
place him 7 miles from
Salmon - 12 or 14 from Councils
10 from Rule, 3 from Snake
head Falls.

Rule, Arago, Stephens, St
Helen. Are largely ruled
by whiskey - Lager Beer, Beer
man's & Papists.

After this visit I
return home to restore my
health which had suffered from
neglect of Bile's state of health.
I sold my outfit of "my
saddle &c" and thus realize
my salary. Tonight after
Aug. 27 after more than 2 weeks

London Address - 1060
N. Haleswood Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Alex M. Darley

Rode 675-miles - preached
38 times - addressing in
all over 7000 people

London City and

July 6-1867

Dear Brother Garrison

Your kind

for one of your 15th cent cards
just today & by today I am able
to send you one. Its contents give me much
pleasure. The work of the day
is so much done in the
& I think it gives me
much satisfaction to know of
your operations along the U.S.
as far as Promontory Point. God
bless the labors of your agents
both by all means all of them
is running with some one out
here with a thing. The idea
of having a missionary in the

business and worldliness

My greatest want in a
general report to accept & place
the work here in Columbia
is Bliss. How is it with you
on this report? Is there one
among your friends for such
a field as this? It would
come. He would assume his
expenses.

May the Lord give you
much of His spirit with great
success in the work of people
of yours - in Jesus
A. H. Stead

Address me
at
New York City
Sweden

Cornwall July 7/1864
Dear Brother Frederick

! Your kind
invitation was very great & fully received
I am glad you are coming out
this way to town. Perhaps
we can meet you on the 20th or - 1st
at home, if not - I will see you at
the office but I think I will
be out too - I have some many
things to do at the office & at home, but
all things - I hope you will be able
to come Sunday the 25th, if you will
come to dinner it I have still
given - I am very much to brother
Chas. -

Truly yours

Wm. Thompson

Glenwood-Iowa - July 7/67.
My dear Bro. Cleland,

I am here to hold service
next Sabbath. I held service
in Red Oak last Sabbath with Congre-
gation's of 175-100- and over 200-
equal to house overflowing. Dr. Ekin
informs me that Presbytery appointed
you to supply Glenwood. 26 months
since Presbytery. You have not been
here yet; shall I have the pleasure
next Sabbath of giving out an
early appointment for you?

Formed from 5 to 10 new
Presbyterians and adherents than Bro.
Jackson knew of when he left Red
Oak. You can with safety number
the Church there at 50. They are
eager for a pastor and all who speak

of it both professed & unprofessed
speak of their desire for and confi-
dence in an energetic man, and
the members hope for an edifice
in twelve months. We have the flock,
now give us a vigilant shepherd.
I have furnished Bro. Rodgers with
a list of members. I do wish so
much that I could see your-
self or Bro. Jackson. I have now
been 8 weeks out, I hope to reach
home at Leb. City in 3 or 4 weeks.
I will be then prepared to give
you a brief & perishing a full
and detailed account of the field.
If you have advice or direction
of labor to give me please write me.
I feel kind of lost, though I have
been working hard and am happy
in my labors. My only unhappiness
being the inefficient manner

in A. S. Presbyterianism has been
working in the County, over which
I have travelled. I feel bad because
there my church above every church and
consider her to be possessed of loftier
and nobler potential energy than
any other, while her fruits here
are what crab apples are to full
and rounded fruit of cultivated
orchards. Oh! my dear Bro. St. Lawrence
both courage and sadness a lover
of Jesus to see the needed desti-
tution. Bro. Jackson ought to come
to Glenwood Mills County as well
as to Red Oak. Give us pastors
is the cry of the people, and the
Lord has promised them, where
are they?

Yours in our common,
but unhumble, work
Wm. H. Darby

Tecumseh Johnson Co. July 7 1868

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir.

Your note

received last night - will make
arrangements to meet you at Webster
City at the place and time specified
Reached last Sabbath at Tall City -
Jalena - you will visit these places
I suppose while in this region -
By dropping a note ^{to} Mr. E. C. Corley
Tall City - arrangements will be made

for you in way of appointments. I
mention this now so that if you should
be there the Sabbath after you are
here appointments can be made in
time. Next Sabbath is my day for
preaching at Leominster-hill endeavor
to have all the brethren on hand
for the organization - will expect
you of course to preach on that
day.

Yours Truly

Wm. S. Peck

Mission House, 907 Arch St.
Philadelphia, July 7. 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother,

At the annual meeting of the Board held on the 15th. ult., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:—

"Resolved,— That the appointment of District Missionaries within the bounds of many of the Synods is unnecessary and would involve a greater amount of expense than the limited resources of the Board would justify.

"Resolved,— That if in the judgment of the Executive Committee it should be deemed expedient to appoint a few such missionaries in the frontier Western States and Territories, such appointments would meet with the approval of the Board; these arrangements, however, should be made temporarily, in view of changes which may be necessary if the two Branches of the Church are united."

At the recent meeting of the Ex. Committee, I was authorized to offer you the appointment of District Missionary for Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming at a salary of \$1500. without traveling expenses. This comprises, in the judgment of the Committee, a field sufficiently large for any one District Missionary. The Committee
(also instructed

also instructed me to say that if you accept this proffered appointment, it must be with the distinct understanding that you will not engage in or countenance the raising and disbursing of missionary funds outside of the Board, and that you will be governed in your recommendations of new appointments, by the existing financial condition of the Board, of which you will be from time to time advised. The Committee will expect you to be judicious in the selection of places for the establishment of new missions, having regard to population, their ability to aid in the support of the missionaries, and the probability of their becoming self-sustaining within a reasonable time.

Please reply at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes,

Fraternally Yours,

G. W. Musgrave.

G. W. M.

Springfield, Ohio. July 8/69

Rev S Jackson

St Louis, Mo. D^{fn}.

I have read the "Chicago Letter" in the Presbyterian of June 30.th with a good deal of interest, and approve of all R. T. S. says in regard to the importance of the work in which you are engaged & the necessity of your establishing immediately Missionary at the twelve important points you have mapped on the Pacific Railroad. I trust you may surmount all the obstacles in the way of your speedily realizing all your desire in this undertaking, and that you may not only find the men suitable for the work, but that the friends of Christ will come forward with the money, and in amounts sufficient to build Houses of worship at all important points. you and your work have my prayers and with gods help I shall try to forward you Twenty Five Dollars for each of the twelve points selected by you as important ones which you will use either in the purchase of ~~ground~~ lots or in building. Enclosed is Draft on Continental Bank of New York for One Hundred Dollars, as you progress with your work you can draw on me, or which would be better write me and I will forward you N.Y. Draft which I can obtain here without paying any premium.

Yours Very Truly, M. Steele

P.S.

Springfield Ohio
Sept 13/69

Rev S. Jackson
Council Bluffs. Iowa

Defn.

This was sent you at St Louis over two months ago. not
hearing from you wrote R Patterson of Chicago to know
if your address was changed. received his reply two
days since and also the enclosed letter & remittance from
the dead letter office which I now forward you
again. hope it may now reach you safely & in due time

Yours Very Truly
M Steele

M Steele
rec'd R. K. Chambers
July 8th 1869

Gettysburg Adams Co Pa July 9th 1869
Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dr Sir

Seeing your
Communication of May 29th in the Presbyterian
My wife & myself have concluded to make
you the following statement & proposition
we and all our relatives are & have been
Presbyterians for generations back and feel
an interest in the progress & extension of
that Church. My wife has 160 acres of
Land in Audubon County Iowa near the
line of R Road from Des Moines to Council
Bluffs; No of Land warrant 79080 ^{given to} ~~from~~
Elizabeth Agnew; located in the name of
Harriet Mc Payton (my wife) Township No 81
Range No 34 west upon the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of S East $\frac{1}{4}$
and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of S. W. quarter of Section No 28
My Nephew W. Frank Payton Minister in
the M. E. Church on the occasion of a visit

to us some two months ago after examining
the location of this land, said it was worth
now \$10, per acre and would be worth \$20
if there was any kind of improvement upon
it. he has been living in Iowa for several
years. The proposition we wish to make
you is this, if you sell the land for us
at \$10 per acre. we will give you \$100
out of it for Church extension purposes,
the land is finely located and will be
very valuable without doubt in a few
years. Will you please answer this
at your earliest convenience and give us
your views upon the subject. This land being
in the Third County from Capitol and so near
an important R Road certainly ought to
be bring the price named,

Very respectfully yours,
R. S. Paxton

St Louis July 9th 1869

Rev^d Sheldon Jackson

My Dear Brother

On my return I find your letter of the 28th ult and have seen yours to Bro. Nicols. I am so completely overwhelmed with work this morning (having just had a meeting of the Bd which has cut out work for me, that must be done today) that I can not reply to your letter as fully as I could desire. 1st The Bd instruct me to say, that they can in no case lend money and that they have no special contributions, from which they can make an appropriation to meet an extraordinary case. 2^d They will do all they can in courtesy with their rules and in justice to those Churches whose applications are regularly before us, with the endorsement of Pres, to aid in the plans you propose. Our liabilities now, are not less than \$60,000 in advance of our available funds. 3^d I fully appreciate the importance of securing and occupying the ground along the line of the P R R. If we can secure the co-operation of the other Boards and secure a free pass (as other denominations have done) I am decidedly in favor of such an excursion & preaching tour

as you propose. The sooner it can be accomplished the better, so as to secure from the R R Com^{rs} suitable lots for Church buildings, on some of which at least we may be able to put up economical buildings this year. I have just received a letter from Dr H A True a pious & liberal man at Marion Ohio, who has a son in Colorado, making enquiry & suggestions in relation to the establishment of a good School or College in which he is willing to engage. He wants to know, the best place for locating such an institution. Suppose you write him on the subject.

4th My duties here are such, that I can not at this time run up to see you. I have Grace Church in this city on my hands, in addition to all my other work. The Freedmen's Com^t are pressing us hard for funds to build Ch^{rs} in the South. This summer and applications are pouring in upon us from all quarters, while our Treasury is nearly empty. Br Van Arsdale has been here borrowing us for Omaha & has gone to Cin^t. Skinner is down upon us for a large sum for Arizona so it goes. Can you not strike a gold mine somewhere on your route? I can add no more at present. I did not get to bed last night, until after 2 o'clock, this morn^g. Br Cowan has left the city for the summer & Br Nicolls goes next week

Yours fraternally

H R Wilson

Dr H. H. Spaulding
Associate with Whitman among Nez Perces.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor

to acknowledge the receipt

of your letter of the 10th

inst. in relation to the

purchase of the Nez Perces

land. I have the honor

to inform you that the

land is now in the hands

of the Government and

is being sold to the

highest bidder.

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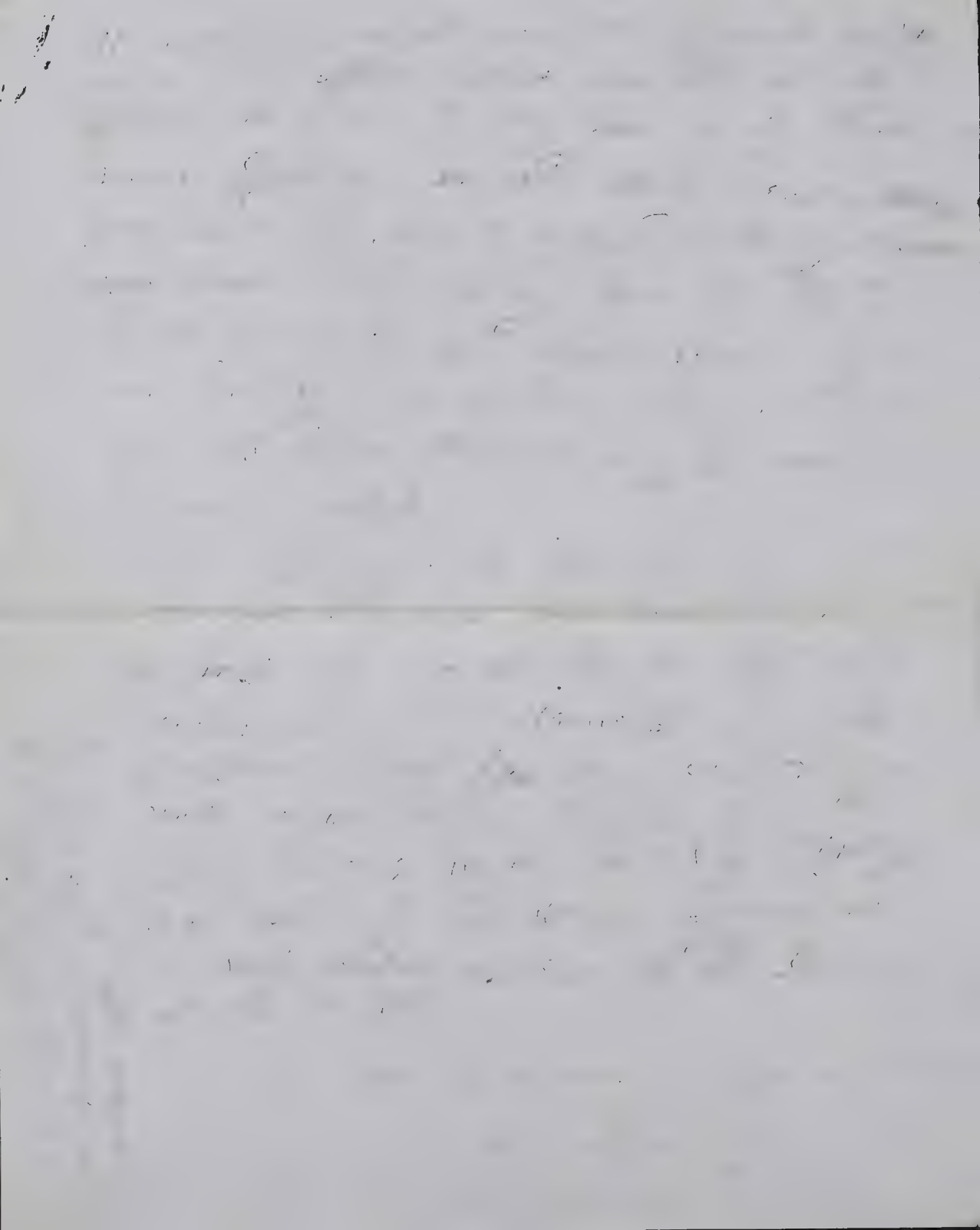
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^{near} Christiana Lane. Co. Pa
July 12th 1869 -
Rev. Sheldon Jackson &
Council Bluffs,
Iowa

Dear Brother

I duly received your
very interesting letter of 12th ult.
addressed to our Sabbath school
at Belleme and write this in
the name of our dear children
to thank you for remembering
us thirteen hundred miles away.
The children were delighted
with your letter and quickly
answered the questions you
propounded - and I know
if they were aware how pressing
and onerous the vast duties
devolving upon you were - they
would feel doubly grateful
that you could find time to
live aside to remember them.

in such a good long letter.

We will not forget your injunction to pray that from our school may be raised up missionaries who may be sent forth by God to do much good - and we hope the little pittance we sent you, that you spent in aid of some needy Sabbath school in the West - may be the procumure of means and instruments to follow and we do as you desire pray for a blessing upon you and upon your work - and that God may have you in his holy keeping - and preserve and guide you and keep you faithful to the end with be I know the fervent and ardent prayers of the Ballou Sabbath School as it is of

Yours Brother in Christ
Jacob T. East

Ams

Lancaster Pa. July 12th

Rev. Theodosia Jackson

69-

Dear Sir

I am really
sorry that I have not a much lar-
ger sum to remit - I feel disap-
pointed in not having collected
more, but our people have been
subscribing liberally to the Mission
Chapel which is about being erec-
ted in the Southern part of the
City - They have been ^{greatly} encouraged
with their S.P. which is held in
a hose house, that they thought it
expedient to erect a Chapel. They
have also recently given to a church
in N. J. I hope the \$20. will

be acceptable - sister has con-
tributed \$5 -

Mr Hoael - 2

Mrs Robinson 1

Mr. Gara - 2 & of the remain-
der - I am pleased to hear ac-
counts of your labours & suc-
cess - It is a great work!! -
The vineyard is large - the
time short - & many souls
to be saved - Many discour-
agements, but many great &
precious promises to cheer &
comfort us - The Lord pour
on you & your fellow laborers
choicest blessings, & give you
many souls is the prayer of
your friend & sister in Christ

Anna M. Dale

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Chicago July 13th 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir:

Today we send
you the Plans, Section and Elevations of your
Church Edifice. We could not get the Specifi-
cations completed in time to send, but we thought
as you were going to Chicago you would be pleased
to take along the general Plans. You will please
send them back to us, so that we can complete
the Specifications and details, and then we will
attend to ordering anything made here you may
wish. We are confident that if the Church is con-
structed according to the spirit of the design it will be
a little model. We are going to have it published
in an Architectural work. We like it so much.
Please return them soon.

Yours &c
Cochrane & Piquenard
Architects

Mission House, 907 Arch St.
Philadelphia, July 13. 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Care Rev. John L. Gage.

Dear Brother, - As you did not mention the amount which is desired to be appropriated towards the support of a missionary in Montana, the Committee was not able to give a definite reply to your inquiry. If you will let us know how much would be required from the Board, the Committee can then say whether it would be able to make the appointment. We do not know at present of any one who would be willing to go there.

The other matter contained in your letter, was brought to the attention of the Board yesterday, and you will see their action reported in the Presbyterian. Being about to leave the city for a short time, and having a great deal to do, I am unable to write more.

With kind regards,

P.S. - I wrote you an important letter last week & directed it to Council B. Has it reached you?
Sincerely yours,
G. W. Messinger

Let Love be the

July 12 1813

My dear Mother
Dear Mother

My dear Mother

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I am very glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I am very much interested in the progress of the cause and hope to hear from you soon. I am very much interested in the progress of the cause and hope to hear from you soon. I am very much interested in the progress of the cause and hope to hear from you soon.

At a distance of 2 miles from the

My dear Mr. [unclear] I have just
received your letter of the 14th inst.
and am glad to hear from you.
I am well and hope this finds you
the same. I have been very busy
lately but will try to get some
time to write to you more fully.
I will write you again soon.
Yours truly,
[unclear]

[unclear]

I am, Sir, very
[unclear]

[unclear]

B. ... Bracken, July 14/69
Mr. C. J. Clark.

Dear Sir,

Mr. S. S.

Hallen was written to me inquiring
in reference to your church. He is
just out of the Seminary & would
like to locate at the West. He is
acquainted with Rev. R. J. C. Divil,
formerly of our Parish.

If you have not already
secured a minister perhaps it would
be for the interest of your church to
correspond with him.

His address is Rev. S. S.
Hallen, Woodstown, Salem Co. New Jersey.

Please give my regards to Mrs.
Clark & accept for yourself assurances
of personal regard.

Yours faithfully
J. Bird

Council Bluffs, Iowa
Friday 16 July 1869-

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Box 11² over

Friend you will be disappointed
 that Natl. mines ~~xx~~ just
 arrived. The North Western
 was delayed 3 hours or he
 would have joined you
 at Tremont today.

Now that he has missed you
he hesitates about going
forward alone,

As long as you have some doubts as to his fitness, I advise him to supply Bellum a couple of Sabbaths until he can hear definitely from you respecting his coming out. He expresses a willingness to go out if his expenses are paid. - Emma,

and Canvas the field,

I think if the field demands
him right away & urgently
that he would go.

He intimates that he might
be compelled to return
in to sail & attend to
his father's estate in Penn.

I cannot say that I am
very favorably impressed
with him, as yet have
no reason to doubt his
sincerity & merits.

He expresses his intention about
his father's estate, but not to go
where Providence directs.

If a man is immediately
imperatively needed, I
think you would be justified
in writing him to come
immediately.

But if you had time, and
a number to select from

you might talk some one else,
If you write for him to come
he will need more money
than he now has, &
In this matter you & I
give you my in case is
absolute that you may
be a judge how to act in
the premises, & I will
be glad to have you write from
Cheyenne respecting this
matter, as McDonald will
be in suspense until he
hears from you,
If you cannot write directly
from Cheyenne, then
McDonald will wait until
you are seen the place
from personal observation
can write him,
He wants the address of
of Lakota St, Iowa City
him what amount,

you had better enclose a letter
to McDonald here, as I do
not know certainly now
what to do with him,

I hope to hear from you
at Chicago respecting this
matter & not definitely
there, then we will wait
until you have visited
the great winter scenes,

our family well,

kindest regards to Hughes & Co.

Yours in the West,

W. H. C. Land Jr.

July 16 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro

I am meeting
with some encouragement.

Under the divine blessing I expect
before I return to have the money
needed for the building of our ch. but
I fear it will be too late in the season
to build this year.

My heart-aches when I think of it.

Oh that some one would trust - the Lord
this Sept.

The money is in the treasure but it requires
faith, time, prayer and work to get it out.

We must have faith, take time, pray and work
if we would see Christ honored and souls
saved in Omaha.

If you find any one to advance the
means and take my promise that the money
will be expended, go on and build.

It is not to be expected however, and we must first
set the money and then build the house —

Yours in X,

M. C. VanArsdale

AN APPEAL.

A CHURCH NEEDED.

The Presbytery of Missouri River, in session at Council Bluffs, June 9th, being deeply impressed with the great importance of a church building for our cause in Omaha, do hereby earnestly commend Rev. M. V. Vanarsdale, to the large-hearted liberality of Presbyterians, in his effort to secure assistance. We adjudge,

- 1st. That this church can not succeed without a good building.*
- 2d. That it is not in a condition to build without help from abroad.*
- 3d. That money expended here will bring both speedy and full returns to the cause at large.*

Signed D. C. ROBERTS, Moderator,
T. H. CLELAND, Jr, Temp. Clerk.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, June 10, 1869.

From the President of Board of Church Extension.

I take great pleasure in commending Rev. M. V. VANARSDALE, and the cause he represents, to all who desire to aid in the extension of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is laboring in a field where immediate aid, in the way of securing a house of worship, is indispensable to his success. This he can not, owing to the inability of his people, secure in his own community. I am confident that the enterprise in which he is engaged is one that will abundantly justify the required expenditure of money. It is a new field, and there are many urgent reasons why it should be occupied now. I shall be rejoiced if my testimony in this matter shall induce any to contribute to this cause.

SAMUEL J. NICCOLLS,

ST. LOUIS, June 23, 1869.

From the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

REV. M. V. VANARSDALE has received a commission from the Board of Domestic Missions, to labor at Omaha. There being no church edifice there, nor any suitable edifice in which to hold worship, and his church being very weak, he is compelled to solicit aid for this purpose. The great importance of the place, and the inability of the church to build a house for themselves, furnish strong ground for Mr. Vanarsdale to solicit aid from those to whom God has given the means.

H. R. WILSON,

Extracts from Letters of Pastors to their People and Others.

Cincinnati, June 23, 1869.

Dear Brethren:

Rev. Mr. VANARSDALE, of Omaha, Nebraska, is here soliciting aid in the erection of a church

building in that place. That his cause is a good one, the necessities of the case great, the demand very urgent, and the importance of Omaha as a point of influence in evangelizing the West almost inconceivable, I do not doubt. No more important call for assistance . . . can come to us.

O. A. HILLS,
Pastor Central Presbyterian Church.

Cincinnati, O., June 28, 1869.

I think there is no more imperative call than this. Omaha must be occupied. I hope you will be able to do something for him.

C. L. THOMPSON,
Pastor First Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyter.

Mr. VANARSDALE has the indorsement of his Presbytery and the President and Secretary of the Committee of Church Extension. We wish him success.

This certifies that more than ten years ago I removed into Nebraska. Since that time, that I have been familiar with the religious condition and wants of this community. The population of Omaha is estimated at 20,000. The present church privileges are utterly inadequate to the present wants of the population.

WILLIAM McCANDLISH,
Agent of the American Bible Soc. for Neb. and Col.

Such is the commanding importance of Omaha, and its rapid growth and position as the terminus of the Great Pacific Railroad, and such the influence it will exert upon all missionary operations in the regions beyond, that surely those with hearts alive with the interest of the Redeemer's cause will give liberally to build a good church building here.

SHELDON JACKSON,
Superintendent of Missions.

June 21st 1861

Dear Mr. Jackson,

Your letter of 15th ult. was received. I feel very much disappointed & discouraged at the way things have been going of late in our Presbytery.

Such failures, disappointments as have befallen our lot in this region will soon crush us & our cause - We feel it very much here, & so does Bro. Peck - It ^{we} had been let alone to attend Presbytery as we desired & were prepared to do, there would have been better feeling, & more confidence. A call (unanimous) had been made out from this church & they people informed that it was to be presented at the Bluffs at a future meeting, & the installation take place in inst of Sept. Expectations are not realized; disappointment follows; interest abates & nothing is done. This in connection with the Board's refusal to grant the amount asked by this church for their expenses, & the same to some minds - And what of all this? We throw balls heaviest on the party least able to bear it. Does it not for the same

leave my preaching in the continuation of growth of
the Church here & my desire to serve the Master
I certainly would feel it my duty, under all
the circumstances, to go & have ^{the} active &
regular work, & look to some other source
for a living.

And, moreover, with "C. F. Mason" in the
Historian is certainly very painful &
I regret that, from a personal affair it is
now taken up by our Presbytery. The result
will be to throw suspicion on our whole
missionary work & labor with the Indians
& friends of the Board - & there we would
der our appropriations already made, & our
are put down. Now for the sake of
that matter drop, so far as our Sec. is
concerned.

Don't fail to be with Bro. Cole promptly
at the organization of their Church. I fear we
have lost all at Fall City & Salem.

Will you please let me know when you
will visit this field, as we wish to hold a communion
service & should announce ^{it} as soon as possible.

Don't disappoint us, as I have some doubts you
will visit this field, as we wish to hold a communion
service & should announce ^{it} as soon as possible.

N. York Sept 11th
 An Shilline post
 Dear Mother
 Yours of June 25th received
 and is safely delivered
 your affectionate son
 A. C. Smith
 125
 Cambridge St. Boston
 Arrived in town and
 received about five
 Olds. Brought a Old
 one. It is
 in Sunday evening
 of the 11th
 to the 12th
 of the 12th
 of the 12th
 of the 12th

July 19. 69

After some delay
Rev. S. J. [unclear]
Dear Bro.

After learn-
ing that the [unclear]
[unclear] the field in [unclear]
[unclear] that to the [unclear] the
field, would [unclear] to be
a great [unclear] of [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]! Going to
[unclear] the [unclear] that
[unclear] that [unclear] to [unclear]
it would [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] that [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
does not [unclear] to accept
[unclear]. [unclear]

There has been a mistake in that
it is necessary to find out
one point in the village
B.B. & I have. It will be a
great deal to return to the same.
But I shall find a letter
not in time to get back
him. If he, please to go to it,
I will be able to see more of
here than I have been able to
before. May the Lord bless
in your efforts to bring
hundreds of our beloved ones.

Please let me hear from you
to the B.B. Club & to the
to the B.B. Club & to the
to the B.B. Club & to the
to the B.B. Club & to the

Chariton Iowa

July 19th. 1869

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Your note of the 8th. inst. came to hand some days since. You are under no obligations to me whatever for the article which appeared in The Presbyterian over my signature to which you refer. It gives me great pleasure in answering your letter to express my hearty sympathy with you in your work, and my earnest desire that nothing may turn you from the accomplishment of your purpose announced at the Spring meeting of our presbytery, of acting as Missionary for the central & western portions of this state and for the

east & rapidly developing region
west of the Missouri. I sincerely
regret that Bro. Mason ^{displays} such an
incommendable spirit of jealousy.
I know that it can not be other
than unpleasant for you; and I
fear that such articles as he
has been publishing in the Presby-
terian are calculated to prejudice
our cause in the minds of Christians
at a distance. The Macedonian cry
would certainly have sounded
better coming from his lips than
the unfriendly allusion he made
to your former field.

I am very sorry to learn that the
board have renewed his com-
mission for another year enlarg-
ing his field & increasing his salary.
I wish our board in the appoint-
ment of men to such offices
would manifest a little more ^{of a} dis-
position to consult the wishes of

our presbyteries. It seems to me that such a course would be a little more Presbyterian than the one now pursued. But my dear brother, if you have not that sympathy and aid from the board and from Bro. Mason that you could wish; the ministers & elders living on the field, most interested in the work to which you have freely devoted yourself, have officially with the most perfect unanimity extended to you the hand of welcome praying you God speed in your work. I am satisfied that the brethren of our presbytery at least are in hearty sympathy with you.

Anything that I can do to awaken the Church to a more vivid consciousness of the destitution and wants of our part of the country shall be most gladly done. The article published in the Presbyterian was

written as the date indicates in May
but was not published until July.
I began to think it had been thrown
into the waste basket.

I should be glad to meet you
in my own field when you come
to this part of our state. However
I expect to go east on "important
special business" next Monday
and shall not return until the
last of August or possibly the
first of September. When I get back
I hope to be in a condition to entertain
my friends more pleasantly, at least
for myself, than I can do under the
present status.

Hoping that you may be abundantly
blessed in your work I remain
your Bro. & fellow labourer
David S. Tappan.

Algonia July 19 1869
 Rev Sheldon Jackson

But urge me to do
 you a line this morning, in regard to
 Church matters in our place.

You will recollect that you
 are the one to whom we have had no preaching
 here since last fall, and that we must
 have a minister in the autumn, at least
 to our little Church.

An invitation was given for the Church
 is now waiting for a minister. The Con-
 gregation do not know where they have
 sent on a man to take possession of the
 ground. They have a number of laborers
 crowded here, but have no minister.

— They like the congregation we had
 and that they would have a man here
 soon, he would have remained, but for the
 present we are to wait up some other
 laborer, who will return in the fall.

There is our Church for you to spend as much
 money as she has done and then let the whole lot into the hands
 of others. We do not want any more.

being here and of making his time when
there is no church nor in any part
of being away. But the question is
you don't see a minister? If you could
what change is in being the pastor of
the church. Congregation will
not think in a religious way.

Respectfully
Dear Sir,

Yours truly

Abner Hamblett

July 19. 1862

Chlorophyll

1871

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I have been thinking of you
 and wondering how you are getting on.
 I hope you are well and happy.
 I have been very busy lately.
 I have been thinking of you
 and wondering how you are getting on.
 I hope you are well and happy.
 I have been very busy lately.

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Oct. 10. 8

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My wife's health demands more

of me than I can give her.

I am sorry to hear

of your illness.

I hope you will

be one little longer.

I am very sorry to hear

of your illness.

I hope you will

be one little longer.

I am very sorry to hear

of your illness.

I hope you will

be one little longer.

1000

1000

Friday 10 30
can't pass no
more water
in.

1- can't be of use
to me -

1000

support.

could a pass be obtained
from

a citizens

that want a road
to the lake

1000

New York July 21, 1869
Dear Bro

Your esteemed fav.
of the 8th inst (Council Bluffs, Io.)
came duly to hand

The extent of my contributing
friends in Term City is very
limited being confined since the
death of W. H. Talcott to B. G.
Clark who has contributed but
\$50 this time. I also secured
for you \$50 from Miss Sarah
Watts home. (B. G. Es can I
have mentioned before liberal
but unconverted)

Enclosed please find check
to your order for three hundred
and fifty The \$250 I had deter-
mined on sending to you before
the rec^d of the yours of the 8th inst

Trust you will be in receipt
of other funds from other quarters
shortly. Beware of debt.
God prosper your work
yours truly
Wm R James

Rev Sheldon Jackson
care of Rev John L Gage
Cheyenne
Wyoming Terr.

Burlington, Iowa
July 22nd 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I met yesterday

here, for a moment, an old acquaintance of
mine, Washington Frank of Warsaw N. Y., who
is interested in the new town, Cornish, ~~and~~
the line of the B & M. R. R, west of Cromwell.
He is a gentleman of means, & strongly attached
to the Pres. Ch. & wishes very much to have a
Pres. Ch. organized at Cornish. There is no
revenue there he says, of any amount, but
the Congregationalists are moving to organize.
There, & he wishes our church to occupy the
ground - The company ^{with} ~~and~~ which he is connected
will give a lot for a church & aid some besides -
He is on his way east & will not be back
for some time, how long I cannot tell, but says
that he will write to you on his return to
Cornish -

Just he may forget it, perhaps it will be
best for you to drop him a line at Corning,
in a week or ten days, so as to find him
there on his return.

The ticket ag^t informs me that he sent
you 1/2 fare fare as requested -

Yours truly

Geo D Stewart

Ind. Dubuque Wis
23rd July 1869

The Rev. Selden Jackson

My dear Bro

I am in receipt
of your directing me to several important
vacancies in your great Western field.
in the interests of our Church.

It is impossible to say what I
would do, until I have visited one or
two points of those your direction.

During the month of August, I
could go to Fremont or any places
you may secure invitations for and
provided at least half of the R.R.
fares are paid by them.

I am yours sincerely

H. C. Smith

St Louis July 12th 1869

My dear Brother Jackson

I wrote to you last week and this morning received yours of the 9th asking for the promise of \$1000 for a Chapel at Corinne. Our Bd positively refuse to make any pledges before hand. Their action must be founded upon information, such as they have not, in this case. Perhaps when I go out there to view the ground, I may be able to make such a statement as will induce them to go to the extent of their means. In your last letter (before the present) you speak of the proposed expedition starting by the 15th prox. I have this day received a letter from R Patterson on behalf of the Chicago Pres' W & N School, proposing that this expedition start some time in Sept. In my judgment that would be too late. Bro Nicolls - Warner & Cowan ^{Smith} ~~three~~ four of our Pastors start tomorrow for their summer recreation - to be absent until September. None but Bro McCook and I left to do the ~~trouble~~ service this hot weather. I will have to run up to Minn^a for a few days, but will hold myself in readiness to start west as soon as the time is fixed.

I am haste

Yours paternally

H R Wilson

Schenectady 23. July 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson

Dear Sir

Terms of the 8th

is not. But I regret to say that it is not expedient for me to attempt a collection for your work in the way you propose. Our Session in the Spring agreed to afford you opportunity for a special collection for your field, and authorized me to arrange matters so that you could leave either August or October (or even November) the 3^d Sabbath ^{either month} as might best accommodate you. This we are prepared to do, & will be glad to learn how whether & when you will be probably able to be sent & make use of such an opportunity. If, on the contrary, you prefer, it & can let me know in time, (say before August 8th or 15th)

I will undertake to make the
collection for you & send it on. But
you must consider that such a
collection will not be probably help
as much as your own personal
appeal can secure. I would do
as you request & by a personal
solicitation for you get from a few
what I could. But it is a rule with
me never to do that. In this long
run (I believe) the cards ~~system~~
more than it gains by such a course.
Besides if such an effort were now
made it would embarrass you in any
subsequent effort more than you can
know. With best wishes for your
health & success believe me as ever
truly your friend
J. Kimball Packard

Fairfield July 25th 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro,

I have left Hudson Wis on account of my wifes health am now out of employ So I write to you to make inquiry if any vacancies in Kansas I am willing to work yet I am in peculiar circumstances with an invalid wife I cannot do with as small a support as many would - more I feel that it is necessity to get a field where I will only have to preach at one point or two so near together that I can be at home most of the time If there are such fields I would gladly go and work.

I am stopping at my brothers at above place and

any communication addressed
to me at Fairfield Iowa
Care of Rev. Carson Reed
will reach me

fraternally yours
Geo. Stuart Reed

Marshalltown. July 24th
Rev. L. Childs Lockman

Dear Bro. I am
passing through this place on
my way to Afton Union Co.
I will come here to ask
you, if you can, to have a
little for me at that place
by Thursday. or before that
week-end. It's my week.

I will not be there till
that time. I go to Afton on
other business but while in
that region I would like
to look out a situation.

I would have written some
but really did not and
yet do not know what
kind of a place I want.

It is possible I may visit
you at Council Bluffs on
my way home - but I am
not definite just now.

I believe you mentioned
one or two places on that
road west of Linton but I
have not found better with
me. What are they and are
they yet taken?

Yours faithfully

J. V. S. + Chas. J.



EAGLE ROLLING MILLS.
James Wood & Co.
IRON MANUFACTURERS.

Pittsburgh July 26th 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Anahla Nebraska }

Council Bluffs Iowa I received your letter some days ago & as advised sent draft of \$100 & advised you that it was so expended according to your instructions - I did this because I thought that it might become necessary to use it for the support of the pastor instead of applying it to the building of the church & authorize you to expend it in any manner for that you think for the good of the masters work & remain truly your friend

Samy Plummer

Wassau Mo. Co. Mo.

July 28, 1869

Rev. & Dr. Geo. Jackson,

Permit me

to bring to your notice, as Superintendent of Domestic Missions in

the West, a new town in Southern Iowa, named Corning. It

is as I am informed not far from

the ^{line} ~~mission~~ - I came to know

of it through my father-in-law

Mr. G. W. Frank, a member of my

Church here. Mr. Frank has
been up there & is interested in
the growth of the place. From his
description it is filling up
rapidly with a very choice
class of population & is grow-
ing very rapidly. There is a
Methodist-episcopal &
Presbyterian element there. The
~~Methodists~~ the ~~Methodists~~ will hold:
- the ~~Methodists~~ are willing
to join with the Presbyterians, &

the latter will occupy the
place - now I suggested to him
to write you, as he will, when
he returns there within 2
weeks. But he wanted me to
drop you this short note, and
urge you, now as you can very
easily come, to go & see them &
find out the prospects ecclesiastical,
social, and tell them what to
do & how to do it ^{so as} to further the
cause of Presby. Unionism, by

occupying this important
point - The Railway is to
pass there & the prospect,
he thinks, is good, as it becomes
the enemy's seat. I have
not been there myself but
would draw your early atten-
tion to that point -

With great regard I am

Yours truly

Jos. E. Nassau